







## Oddfellows Hold Enjoyable Picnic at City Golf Links

Mrs. Drayton, Miss Shaw, Men, six feet in height, D. H. Lako, Alex. d., Mrs. Drayton, Miss Shaw, Men, six feet in height, D. H. Lako, Alex. d., All Comers, won by Greenwood, A. C. Campbell, F. Draton, M. Clare, R. Kingsbury, Gibson, Grandier, Lake and Jewell, (Norwood) Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Brammel, Miss Speer, Mrs. Drayton, Jewel, (Norwood) Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Brammel, Miss Speer, Mrs. Drayton.

able and appropriate and keenly interested, with the result that they were interested in it. G. Walker, chairman of the sports committee, and F. Drayton, with the assistance of others, managed the games and the prizes were distributed. At the conclusion of the games, the prizes were given out, and then supper was served. To those who made special donations.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUPILS OF HIGH SCHOOLS

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over, Mrs. Rutherford, Miss  
piper, Mrs. Odfellows only. F. Dray,  
John, M. J. Bayley, Mrs. J. H.  
and over, J. H. McCoskie, J. R.  
Imbach, Wheelbarrow race, F. G.  
Walton, J. Hambow, Married ladies,  
Mrs. B. B. Lake, Mrs. Tremblay.

**JAMES MC CAIG**  
**SURVEYING CROPS**  
**AT PEACE RIVER**

Printed River Echo, Aug. 22:

Mr. McCade says that the Peace country has the best crops in the province this year. The only possible limiting factor would be the constant threat of frost, but a good deal of the

much is on the river bottom near the crossing, and Waterloo district is near the mouth of the crop near the crossing. Barley is ripe in the Waterloo district and both wheat and oats are moving forward together. Near Lake Huron there is a lot of heavy wheat, but the heaviest wheat in the district which is not turning fast enough to please the farmers. Oats are coming along well. April River has been ready to cut.

**FRANK WARD.**

*Vindicator of Origins, Entertainment Who is a Feature of This Week's*

was examined under arrest in Galahad on Wednesday, August 20, by a member of the provincial police, on a warrant charging him with unlawfully possessing a fire arm at J. H. O'Leary. The prisoner was taken to O'Leary, there to be examined by Judge Justice, O'Leary and Adams, who upon request of the prisoner adjourned the trial for one week, the prisoner furnishing bonds in the sum of \$2500 for his appearance. When the case came for trial it was again postponed for one week.




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## 1919 Victory Loan

A meeting of those interested in the forthcoming Victory Loan will be held in the Banquet Room, Macdonald Hotel

**Thursday, Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.**

Hon. C. R. MITCHELL,

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## Current Comment

## GOVERNMENT RETAIL MILITARY SUPPLIES.

Winnipeg Telegram.

The United States at the close of the war had enormous amounts of stores on hand. At the same time the price of the commodities represented in these stores were mounting at an extraordinary rate. There was no necessity for shipping these goods overseas, yet they were not available for home consumption. It was necessary for cutting the Gordian knot and the result was that it was decided that these goods should be offered by public sale for public consumption.

The government of the United States has therefore decided to open retail stores in which its surplus goods will be sold to the public for public consumption at reasonable rates.

This innovation not only disposes of the government surplus which might otherwise be wasted but it also gives a lead to those holders of surplus whose holdings may also be placed on sale through government activities unless the holders take the hint and sell.

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## The City's Rights

The Alliance Power Company is asking the provincial utilities commission for a revision of its contract with the city which would increase their price one-half. If the provincial utilities commission has the power to interfere with private contracts it certainly has not the right; and the power should be promptly exercised by legislation. The power company agreed to sell and the city agreed to buy power from the company at a certain price for a fixed period of years. The period has not expired, but the company demands a drastic revision of terms in its favor and against the city. If the agreement between company and the city was made subject to future revision by the public utilities commission, then the case is different. But there was no such provision. If there was the ratepayers did not know it or they would not have ratified the agreement.

If the rate they are getting for power does not pay them, it is up to them to give up their contract with the city and make other arrangements. If the city could not do better than the offer made by the Alliance company no doubt it would be as ready to deal with that company as with anyone else. But that is a very different matter from a company holding on to the contract with the city while breaking the agreement, as to price, with the aid of the utilities commission.

The utilities commission was originally instituted and empowered for the purpose of protecting the public interest in public services. It is a new and strange development that the commission should be asked to make an attempt should be made to use it as a means of depriving the city of rights held under the terms of a contract which on its part the city had been duly fulfilled.

## A Parliament of Profiteers

Ottawa despatches announce that "the ratification of the peace treaty was the chief reason of the calling of the session." When parliament prorogued in July it was known that the peace treaty was due for ratification at a then early date. Its ratification was part of the unfinished business of the last session. It would have been fitting, dignified and honest if parliament had adjourned when the ordinary business was concluded, to meet again at call and set up the session by ratifying the treaty. The reason that course was not followed was because of a corrupt understanding between the Union government and its supporters in the house that if they would "do good," that is support the government's policy without regard to their professed principles or the interests or welfare of their constituents, the excuse of the ratification of the peace treaty would be used in calling an extra session that would enable the members to draw a full indemnity of \$2,500 and travelling expenses for five or six weeks' presence in Ottawa.

While it is right and proper that Canada through her parliament should formally give her adhesion to the peace treaty, what particular real difference does it make whether that formal assent is given in September, 1919, or say in February, 1920, when parliament is again assembled as usual for the despatch of business? It is no discredit to Canada, and it is no commendation of the facts.

## Canada Exporting Sugar.

An Ottawa dispatch of this (Saturday) morning confirms, beyond question the belief that the sugar shortage is very deliberately created by the refiners for the purpose of boosting the price. The dispatch is practically official and specifically states that large quantities "of sugar" are being or are "threatened to be exported from Canada." There was no ground therefore for Mr. Hugh Blain's lame excuse of a sugar shortage because of the marine strike. The sugar had not been kept out of the country by a marine or any other strike. In fact it was actually in the country and was being shipped out with the deliberate purpose of creating a scarcity that would enable the holders of sugar to "unfairly enhance its cost."

There could not be a clearer case of profiteering. It should awaken people to the facts as to the reasons for the increase in the cost of living. What the sugar barons have done is what is being done all along the line by those who control the food of the people. The sugar planters of Cuba and Hawaii are not getting more for their product because of the robbery of the Canadian consumer. The first cost of the sugar has no relation to the price which the consumer now has to pay.

The facts being established the question is: What is to be done about it? The board of commerce is going to prohibit exports of sugar—so it is said. That is good as far as it goes. But that is only a temporary measure to meet or partially meet, an extreme case. A monopoly is not necessarily objectionable because it is a monopoly. But it becomes objectionable when its privileges are abused. The sugar barons have made the duties on refined sugar indefensible.

## With the Humorists

The Moon's Effect  
Professor: "Does the moon affect the tide?"  
Student: "No, sir; merely the usual."

No Fear of Early Hours  
Prospective Employer: "Not afraid of early hours, I suppose?"  
Employee: "Oh, no; you can believe me early for me, mister!"

The Only Thing  
Tommy: "What's an echo, pa?"  
Pa: "An echo, my son, is the only thing that can describe a woman of the last word."

A Long Fall  
Mike (climbing down from a high tower)—"Ingersoll, it's a long way from here to the ground."  
Pat: "It is, Mike, an 'ell' go a lot further than that if he falls."

Yacht Not Needed  
He: "I suppose you wouldn't think of marrying a man unless he could afford to give you a yacht?"  
She: "Oh, I don't know. If I really loved him I would be satisfied with a little sailboat occasionally."

Scriptural Diet  
Fragrant Diet: "I'll never have another meal at this restaurant. The men's hair, and they've diluted the whiskey."  
Clergyman: "Alas! How true it is, the flesh is strong but the spirit is weak!"

Constant Reminder  
Husband: "Now don't forget me, dearie (off for Narragansett)—As if I could, Jack. The surf at night would just lay me out smothering."

Climber  
The Notmuch family are great amateurs for social harmony, are they don't should say so. Why you're not, either that they have even named these superior families yet."



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